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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO DEFENSE FOR ASD/ISA AND
DASD/NEASA

E.O 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MASS' ET, UK, US, YO
SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV TRANSFER OF M-47 TANKS TO ETHIOPIA

REFERENCE: STATE 185683

1. WILBERFORCE, HEAD, DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, FCO AND
QUINLAN, DUS/P, MOD, WHEN INFORMED ON AUGUST 8 OF CON-
TENTS REFTEL, TOLD POLITICAL-MILITARY ATTACHE THAT
MATTER COMES AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO THEM. THEY
THANKED US FOR INFORMATION AND PROMISE TO LET US HAVE
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REACTION, IF ANY. TOUCHING ON THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI DIS-
PUTE, WILBERFORCE NOTED IMPORTANCE SOMALIS ATTACH TO
ACQUIRING ARMS QUICKLY. ALTHOUGH THE SITUATION IN
THE OGADEN CLEARLY INVOLVED SOMALI REGULARS, IT WOULD BE
UNFORTUNATE IF SIAD'S TURNING AWAY FROM DEPENDENCE ON THE
SOVIET UNION COLLAPSED BEFORE SIAD HAD TIME TO DEVELOP
AND IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH THE WEST. HE AGREED WITH

SOMALI LINE THAT SOVIETS ARE PUTTING GREAT PRESSURE ON
SOMALIA VIS-A-VIS SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE OVER OGADEN.

2. WILBERFORCE SAID SOMALI ARMS PURCHASE DELEGATION--
WHICH JUST RETURNED HERE FOR SECOND VISIT--IS CONTINUING
TO PRESS HARD FOR WHATEVER IT CAN GET BEFORE THE END OF
AUGUST, BUT HE SAID BRITISH ARE IN STALLING POSTURE AT
PRESENT. HOWEVER, SOMALIS NOW WILL GET MORE DEFINITIVE
INFORMATION ON PRICE, AVAILABILITY AND DELIVERY TIME-
SCALE. WE ARE PROMISED FURTHER INFORMATION SOON AND
BELIEVE FCO WILL MOST LIKELY HANDLE MATTER THROUGH UK
EMBASSY WASHINGTON.

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NOTE: NOT PASSED DEFENSE.

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